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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. Method for non-adhesive bonding of two contiguous plastic work pieces (2, 3, 5, 6),

characterized in that

- the intended contact surface (K) of at least one of the two work pieces (2, 5 or 3, 6) by which it borders on the other work piece (3, 6 or 2, 5) is at least in some sections subjected to a high-energy radiation which causes the lowering of the glass transition temperature in a marginal layer (R, R'),
 - the two work pieces (2, 3; 5, 6) are brought into a mutual position according to the intended use, and
- subsequently, to produce the bond of the two work pieces (2, 3, 5, 6) at least the modified marginal layer (R, R') in the area of its surface is heated to a temperature which is above the glass transition temperature of the marginal layer (R, R') modified by radiation, but below that of the unmodified areas of the respective work piece (2, 3, 5, 6).
 - 2. Method according to Claim 1, **characterized in that** the entire contact surface (K) is subjected to the high-energy radiation process.
- Method according to Claim 1 or 2, **characterized in that** the step of heating is performed while the two work pieces (2, 3, 5, 6) are under pressure in relation to each other.
- 4. Method according to one of Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the two work pieces (2, 3; 5, 6) brought into a mutual position according to their intended use are heated to accomplish the bond.
 - 5. Method according to one of Claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the contact surfaces of the two work pieces (2, 3) are radiated with high-energy radiation for the formation of a modified marginal layer (R, R') on each.



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6. Article (1, 4) formed of two work pieces (2, 3; 5, 6) non-adhesively bonded together, produced according to one of the above Claims, **characterized in that** in at least one contact surface (K) of the two work pieces (2, 5), recesses (V), in particular channel-like recesses, are provided.

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7. Article according to Claim 6, characterized in that the recesses (V) are formed as microstructures and/or nanostructures.

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8. Article according to Claim 6 or 7, **characterized in that** at least one of the two work pieces (6) is provided with electrodes (E), in particular with structured thin-film electrodes, on its contact surface.

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9. Article according to Claim 8, characterized in that the electrodes (E) on the contact surface and the channel-like recesses (V) are assigned to the other work piece (5), and that the electrodes in at least some sections form a wall of a closed recess (V) after the two work pieces (5, 6) are bonded.

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10. Article according to one of Claims 6 to 8, characterized in that at least one of the two work pieces is designed as a microstructured and/or nanostructured filter.

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11. Application of an article according to one of Claims 6 to 10, **characterized in that** at this article is used as a microanalysis unit or a microreactor unit.